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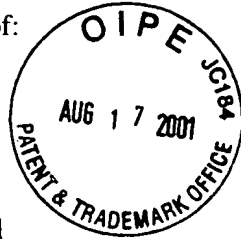
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CATHETER LOCK SOLUTION



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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure embodied in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following patents, publications and/or other information:

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2. U.S. Patent No. 4,677,143 to Laurin et al. issued June 30, 1987.
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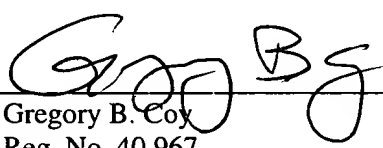
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